

IN THE DRAWINGS

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Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated March 16, 2005. Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-16, 18-22, 24-28, 30-34, and 36 remain pending in this application, and have been amended. Claims 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, and 35 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, and 31 are in independent form.

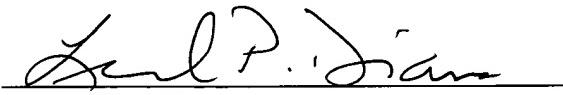
Submitted herewith are replacement sheets for Figs. 1 and 2. These sheets merely formalize the replacement sheets including Figs.1 and 2 that were submitted on September 25, 2001, as required by the Examiner at paragraph 2 of the Office Action.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that Claims 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, and 35 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Since the recitations of Claims 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, and 35 have been incorporated into independent Claims 1, 7, 13, 19, 25, and 31, respectively, the latter claims, along with the claims depending therefrom, are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and their rejections will not be discussed further.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the claims now being in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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